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FM AMEMBASSY BONN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8468
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 08771

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, GW, CF
SUBJECT: NORMALIZATION OF US/CONGO RELATIONS

REF: A. BONN 6495 (NOTAL), B. STATE 104874 NOTAL

1. BEFORE LEAVING KINSHASA AFTER HIS 2 DAY VISIT
(MAY 16-17 -- DETAILS REPORTED SEPTTEL), FRG FOREIGN
MINISTER GENSCHER MET BRIEFLY WITH CONGOLESE FOREIGN
MINISTER OBENGA. UPSHOT OF MEETING WAS GENSCHER'S
INVITATION TO OBENGA TO VISIT BONN IN NEAR FUTURE.

2. FOREIGN OFFICE ASSUMED OBENGA VISIT WOULD
TAKE PLACE SOMETIME THIS SUMMER WHEN GENSCHER HAS
SEVERAL OPENINGS IN HIS SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, FOREIGN
OFFICE WAS INFORMED LATE TODAY (MAY 23), THAT OBENGA
WANTS TO COME TO BONN JUNE 3-8. ACCORDING TO THE
FRG EMBASSY IN BRAZZAVILLE, OBENGA'S SCHEDULE IS
AS FOLLOWS:

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MAY 20-2L LIBREVILLE
MAY 22-29 PARIS -- FOR MEETING OF FRENCH/CONGOLESE
MIXED COMMISSION
MAY 30-JUNE 3 BRUSSELS
JUNE 3-8 BONN
JUNE 9-12 ROME

3. FRG EMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE HAS LEARNED THAT OBENGA WILL CARRY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT YHOMBI-OPANGO TO 4 EUROPEAN CAPITALS. SUBSTANCE OF MESSAGE UNDISCLOSED. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, HOWEVER, IT HAS RECEIVED REPORTS THAT OBENGA'S SUDDEN TRIP HAS TO DO WITH NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. VARIOUS SOURCES (PROBABLY INCLUDING PARIS AND BRAZZAVILLE) ASSERT THAT OBENGA IS COMING TO BONN SPECIFICALLY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH A HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL ON THE FUTURE OF US/CONGO RELATIONS.

4. THE FOREIGN OFFICE, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, IS UNDERSTANDABLY SURPRISED AND HAS REQUESTED CONFIRMATION FROM US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ASAP.
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